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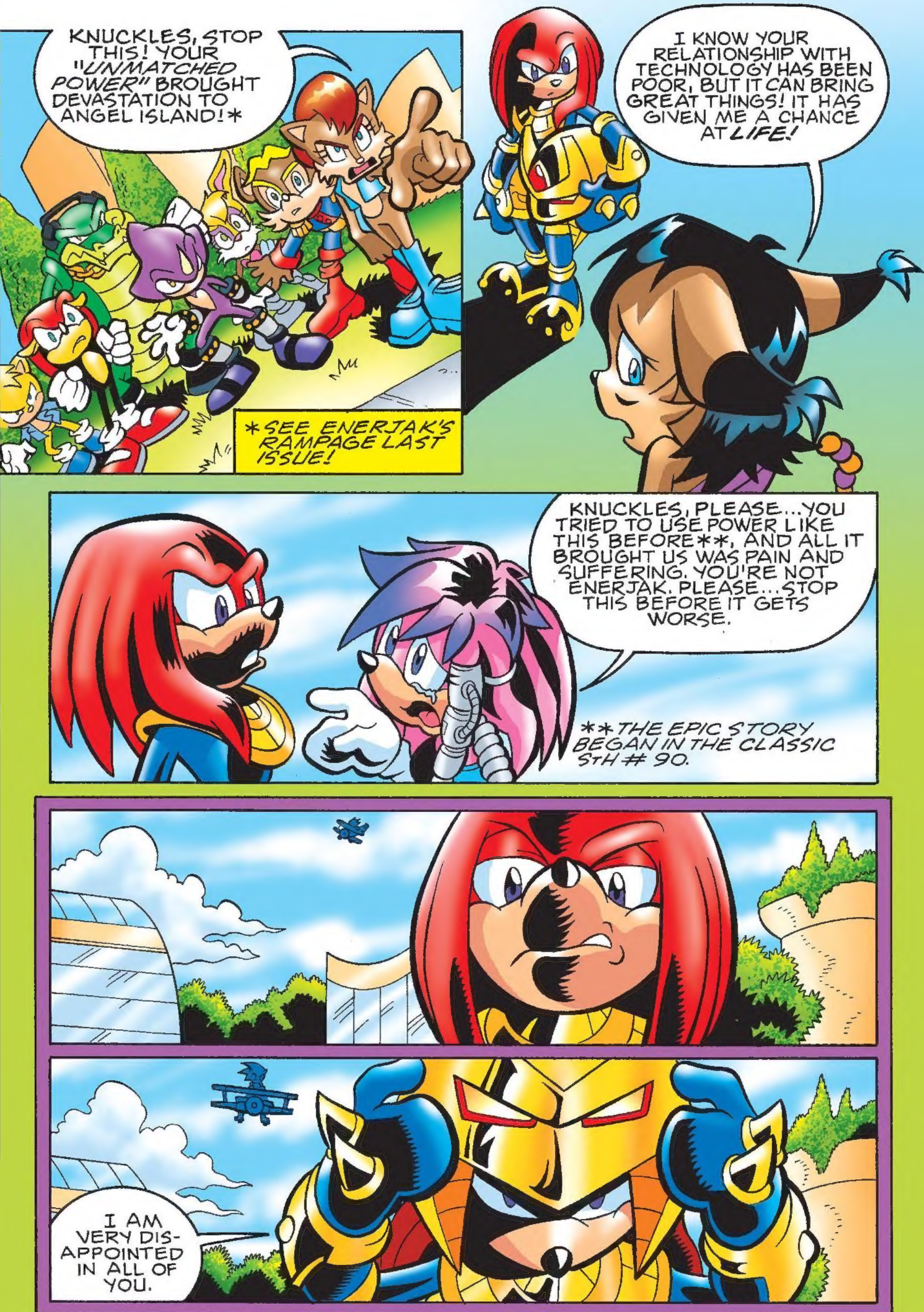

KNUCKLES, STOP THIS! YOUR "UNMATCHED POWER" BROUGHT DEVASTATION TO ANGEL ISLAND!*
*SEE ENERJAK'S RAMPAGE LAST ISSUE!
I KNOW YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH TECHNOLOGY HAS BEEN POOR, BUT IT CAN BRING GREAT THINGS! IT HAS GIVEN ME A CHANCE AT LIFE!
KNUCKLES, PLEASE...YOU TRIED TO USE POWER LIKE THIS BEFORE**, AND ALL IT BROUGHT US WAS PAIN AND SUFFERING. YOU'RE NOT ENERJAK. PLEASE...STOP THIS BEFORE IT GETS WORSE.
**THE EPIC STORY BEGAN IN THE CLASSIC STH # 90.
I AM VERY DIS-APPOINTED IN ALL OF YOU.

I WILL SHOW YOU I AM RIGHT BY EXAMPLE IF I MUST.
KNUCKLES! WHAT ARE YOU--?!
I WILL LIBERATE YOU FROM YOUR OWN CYBERNETIC TRAPPINGS, JULIE-SU!
KNUCKLES ...DON'T...!
THEN YOU WILL SEE THAT I--
WHATEVER YOU WERE VILLAINOUSLY MONOLOGING ABOUT--
ERHN!
WHAM
--FORGET IT, ENERJERK!

SORRY I'M LATE. HEARD FROM KNUCKLES?
N-YES, BUT...
COOL. ANY BACK-UP COMING IN?
YES, BUT--!
COOL. ALL THAT'S LEFT--
--IS TO TAKE CARE OF THIS ENERJOKE!
YOUR SPEED WAS NEVER ENOUGH TO TRUMP MY RAW POWER!
EH?
SHHRKKTT
AUGH!
ZOKT
THEN HE WILL NEED MY POWER AS WELL. SHADOW, AGENT OF G.U.N., REPORTING AS REQUESTED.
NICE ENTRANCE, FAKER. ALL I GOT OUT OF HIM WAS AN "ERHN."

SHAKAAA

NOW LET'S SQUISH THIS ENERGERM--

WHOA! HEY!

ARE YOU QUITE FINISHED ?!

ACTUALLY...

JUMPING-JAK.

ENER-TUBE.

FLAP-JAK.

ENER-STATE.

ENER-JAK-IN-THE-BOX.

AND COME TO THINK OF IT...

..."ENERJAK" SOUNDS LIKE SOME KIND OF SPORTS DRINK.

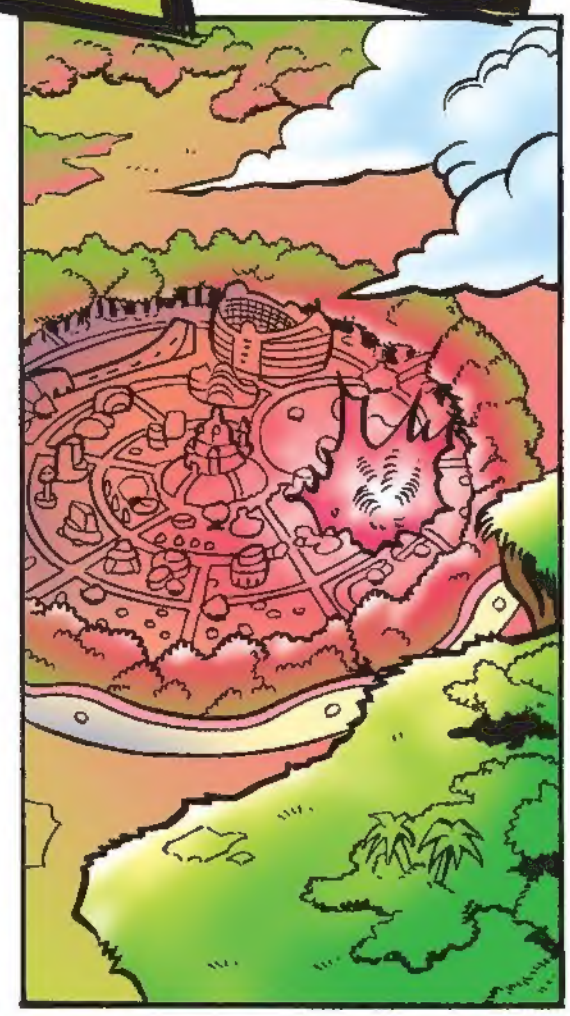
NOW I'M FINISHED.

THE AMOUNT OF CHAOS ENERGY HE COMMANDS... IT'S AS IF HE WERE A LIVING CHAOS EMERALD.

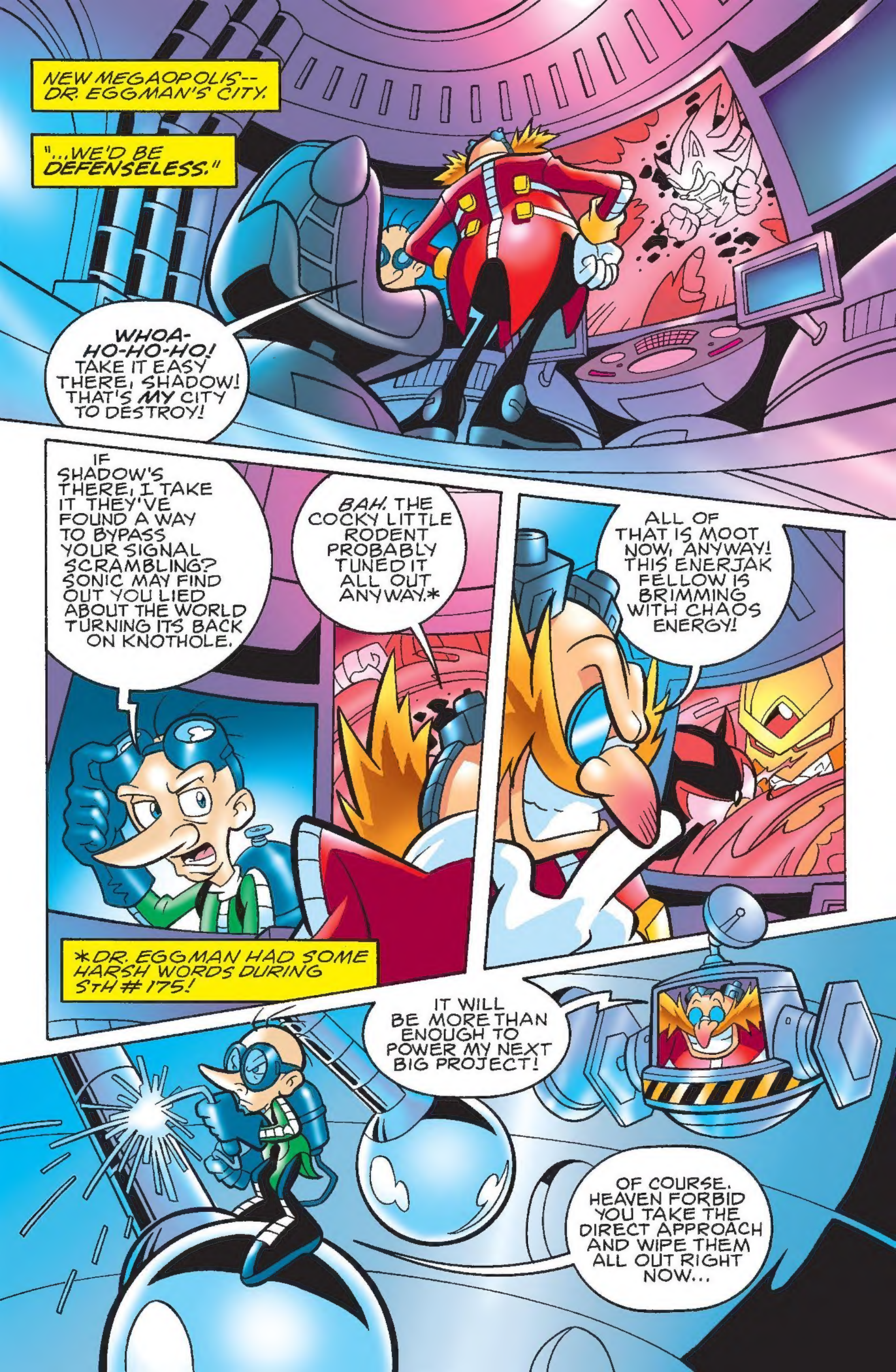
CLEAR THE AREA! I AM REMOVING MY INHIBITOR RINGS AND TAPPING FULLY INTO THE CHAOS FORCE!

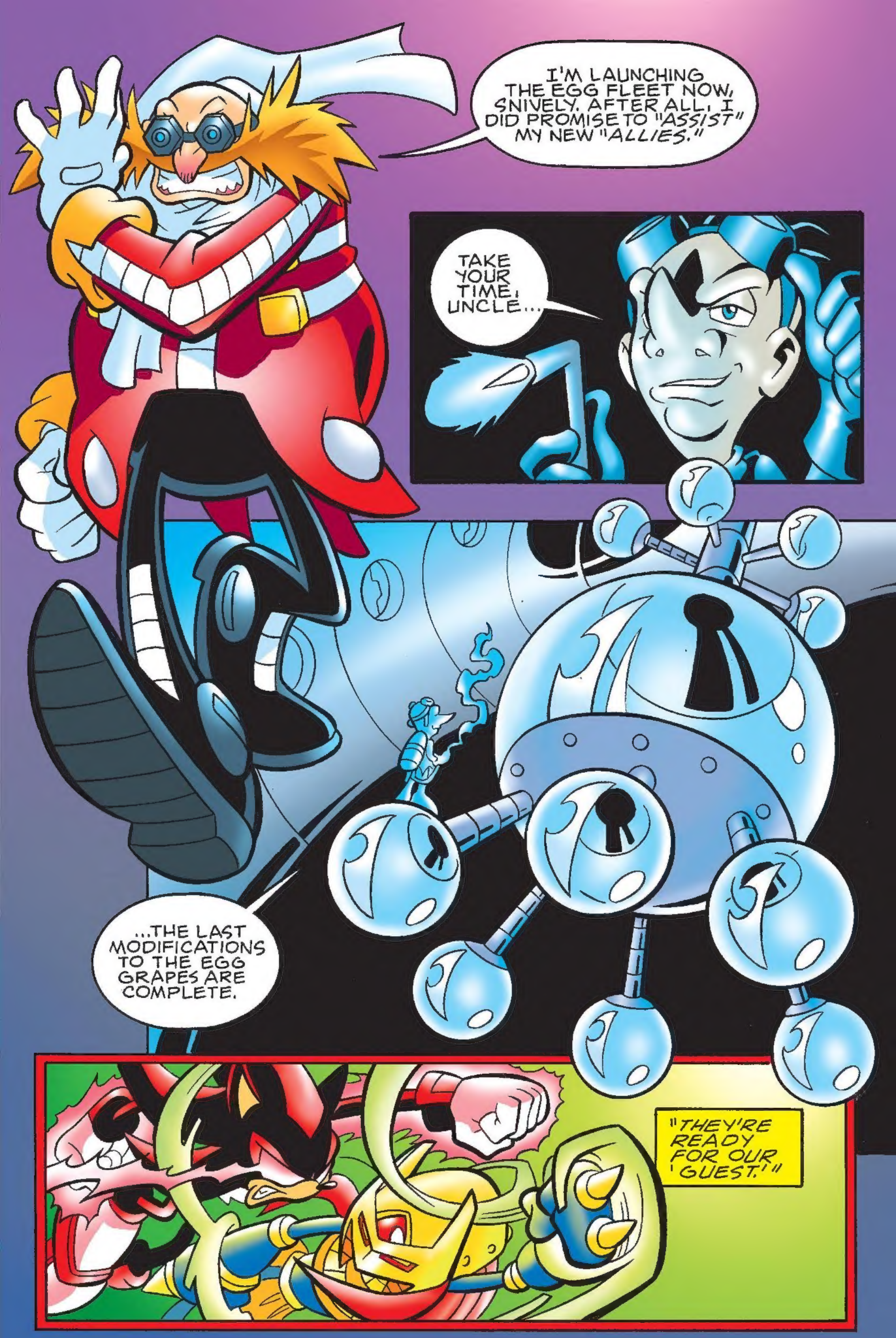
CHAOS...

...BLAST!

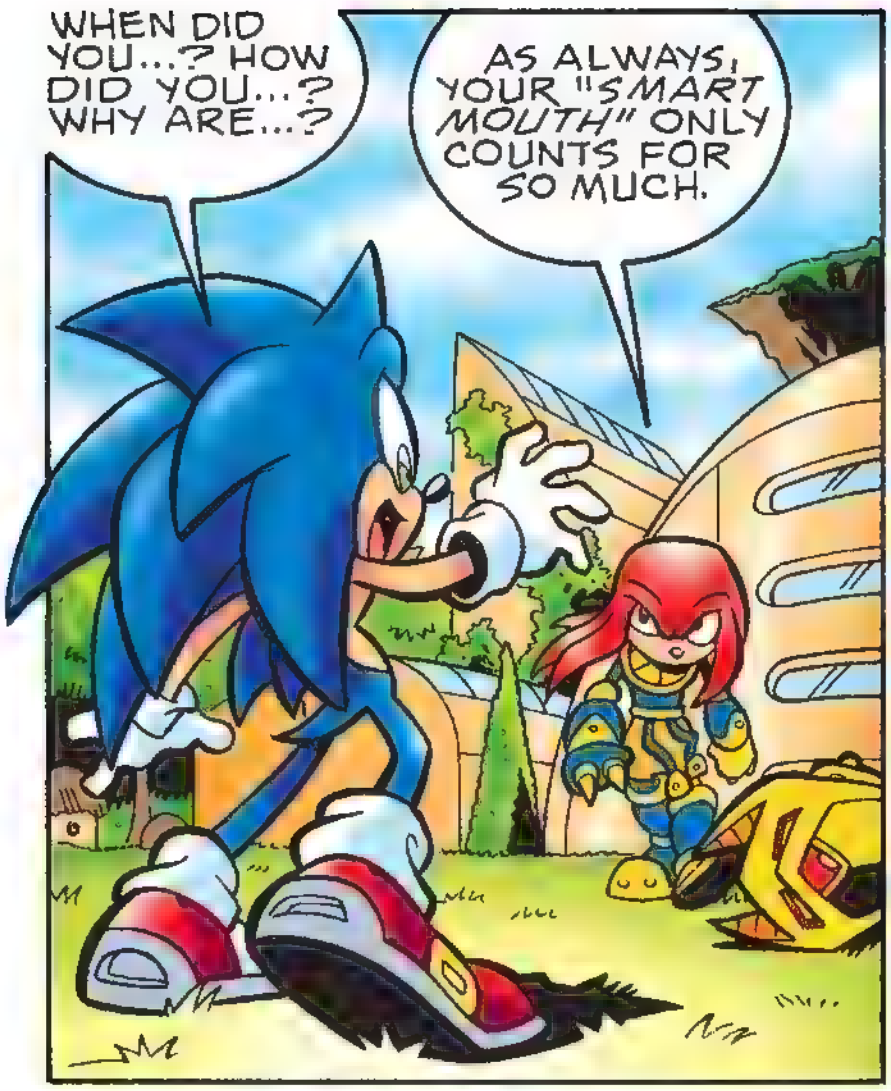


"...I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH POWER TO RAISE THE ENERGY SHIELD. IF DOCTOR EGGMAN WERE TO ATTACK..."

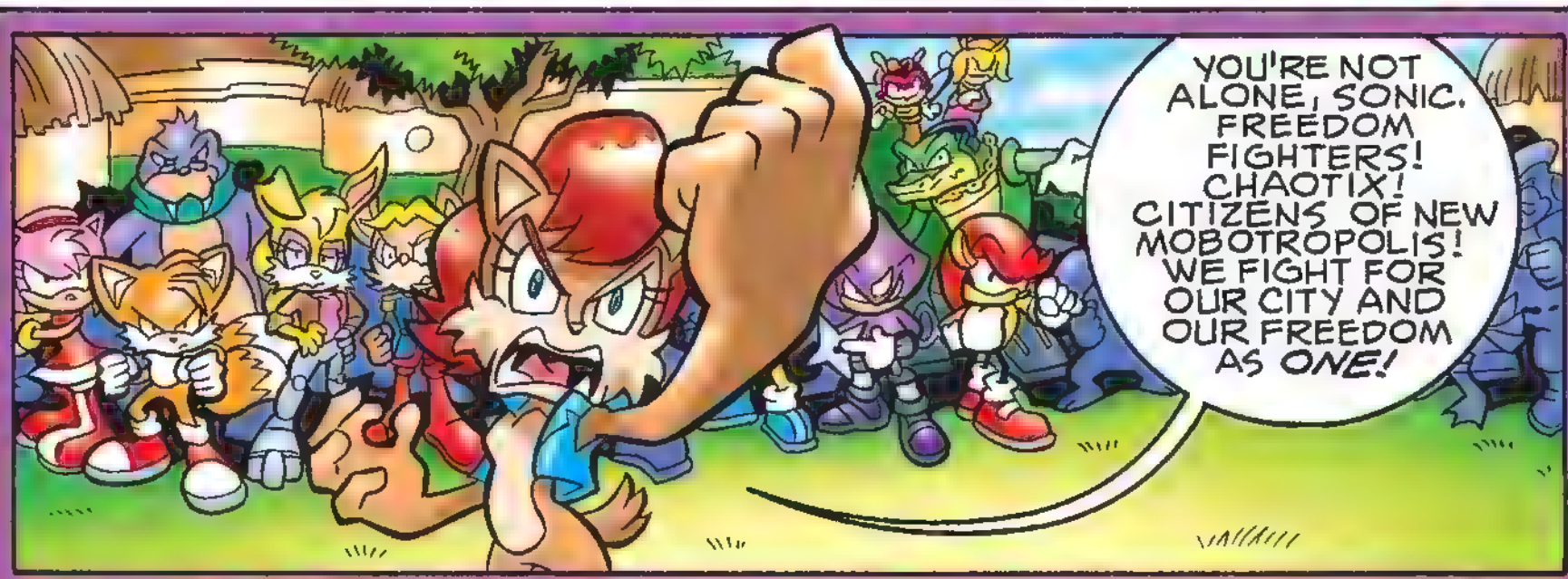

NEW MEGAOPOLIS-- DR. EGGMAN'S CITY.
"...WE'D BE DEFENSELESS."
WHOA-HO-HO-HO! TAKE IT EASY THERE, SHADOW! THAT'S MY CITY TO DESTROY!
IF SHADOW'S THERE, I TAKE IT THEY'VE FOUND A WAY TO BYPASS YOUR SIGNAL SCRAMBLING? SONIC MAY FIND OUT YOU LIED ABOUT THE WORLD TURNING ITS BACK ON KNOTHOLE.
BAH. THE COCKY LITTLE RODENT PROBABLY TUNED IT ALL OUT ANYWAY.*
ALL OF THAT IS MOOT NOW, ANYWAY! THIS ENERJAK FELLOW IS BRIMMING WITH CHAOS ENERGY!
*DR. EGGMAN HAD SOME HARSH WORDS DURING STH #175!
IT WILL BE MORE THAN ENOUGH TO POWER MY NEXT BIG PROJECT!
OF COURSE. HEAVEN FORBID YOU TAKE THE DIRECT APPROACH AND WIPE THEM ALL OUT RIGHT NOW...

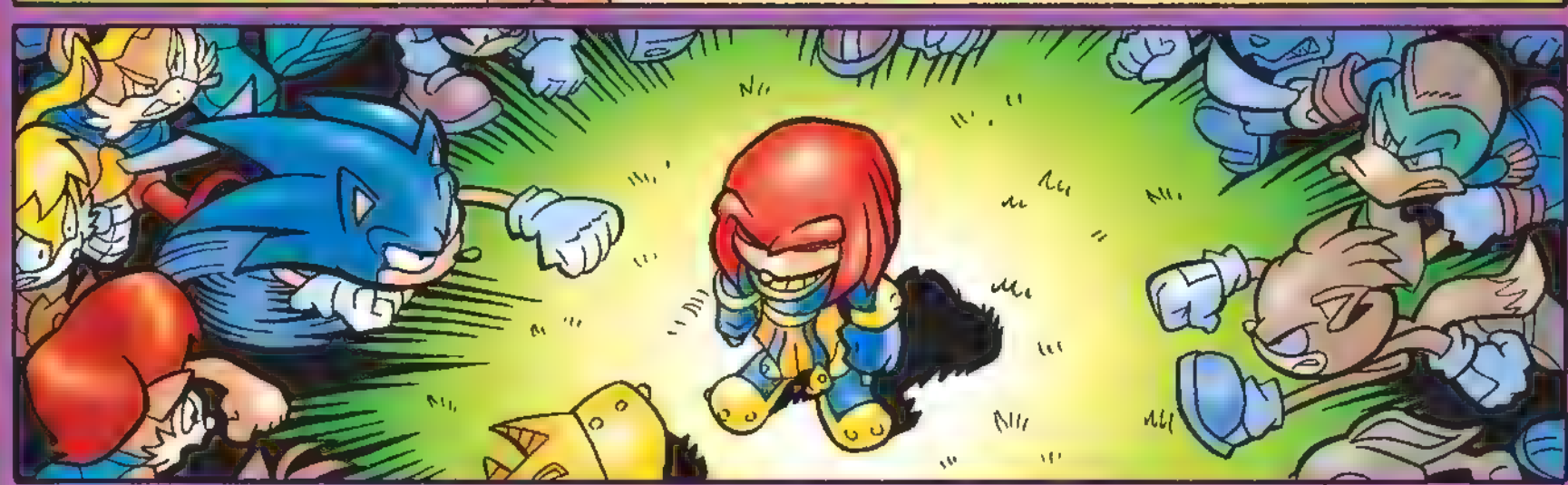

I'M LAUNCHING THE EGG FLEET NOW, SNIVELY. AFTER ALL, I DID PROMISE TO "ASSIST" MY NEW "ALLIES."
TAKE YOUR TIME, UNCLE...
...THE LAST MODIFICATIONS TO THE EGG GRAPES ARE COMPLETE.
"THEY'RE READY FOR OUR 'GUEST.'"

KRA-KOOM
ALL RIGHT, "ULTIMATE LIGHT SHOW," WE'RE ALL VERY IMPRESSED. NOW, HOW ABOUT WE WORK TOGETHER ON THIS GUY?
N-NO! I WILL NOT BE DEFEATED!
OH, BOY...
THUNDER ARROW.
SHARA-KOOM
CHAOS SPEAR!
SKKZT
SWAT!
BOOM!
HEAD SHOT!
ANY MORE SILLY ATTACK NAMES YOU GUYS WANT TO--
--WHOA.

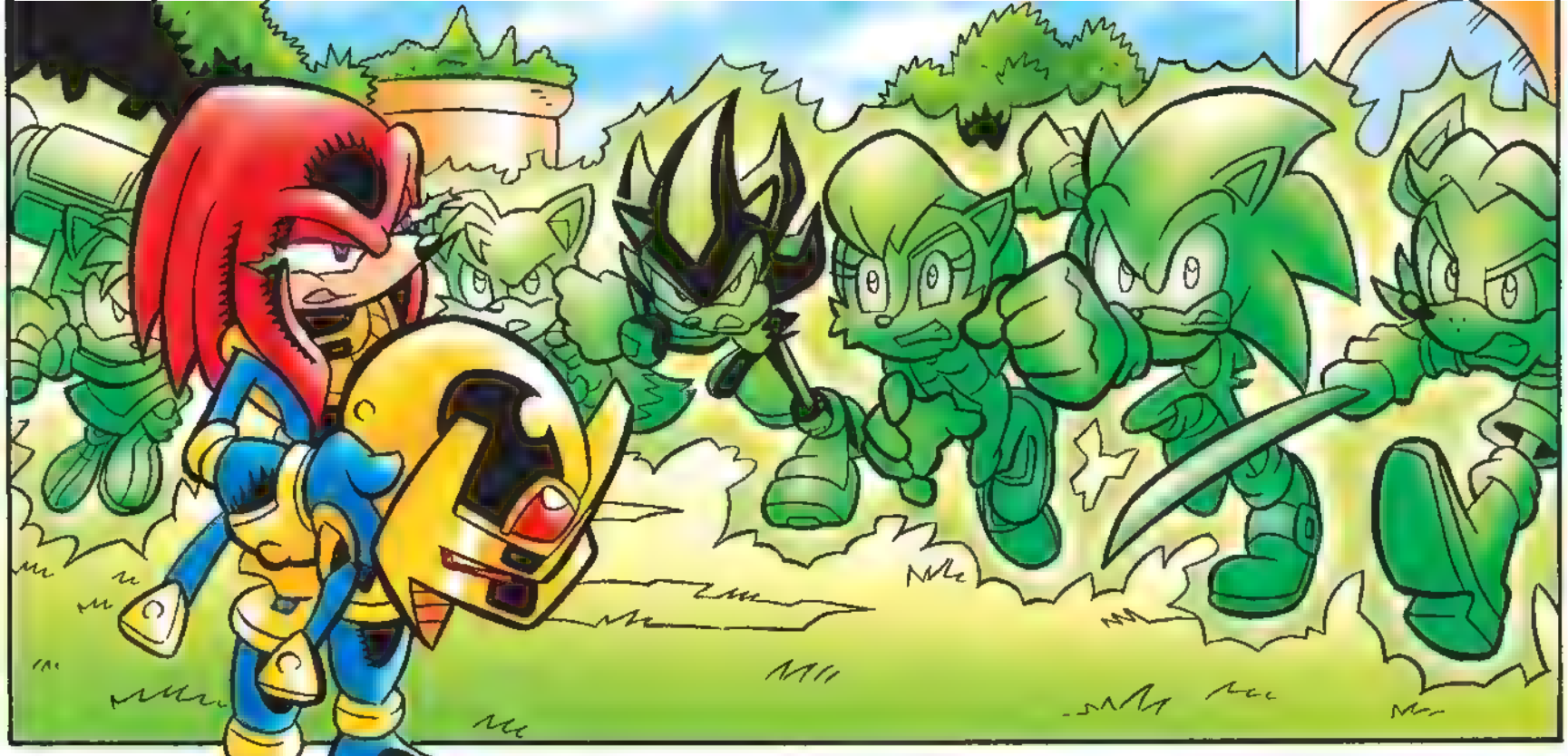

WHEN DID YOU...? HOW DID YOU...? WHY ARE...?
AS ALWAYS, YOUR "SMART MOUTH" ONLY COUNTS FOR SO MUCH.

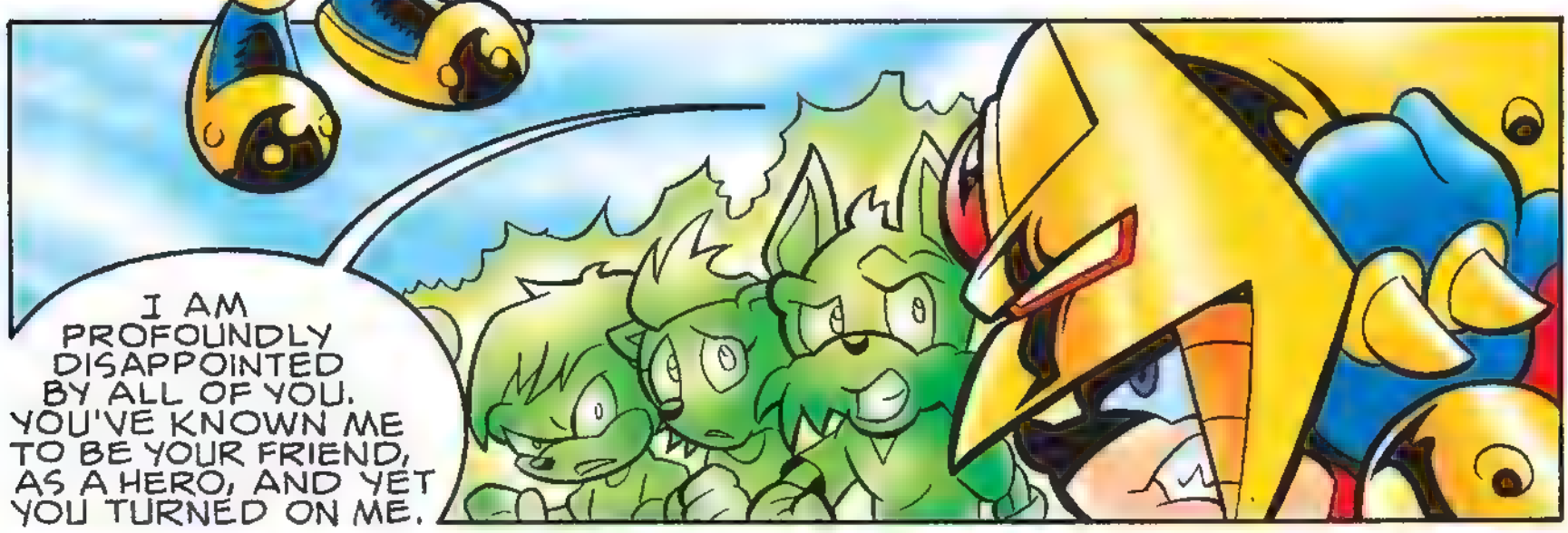
DON'T LOSE YOUR RESOLVE NOW, BLUE HEDGEHOG.
I--I'M NOT. A THREAT'S A THREAT. BUT...

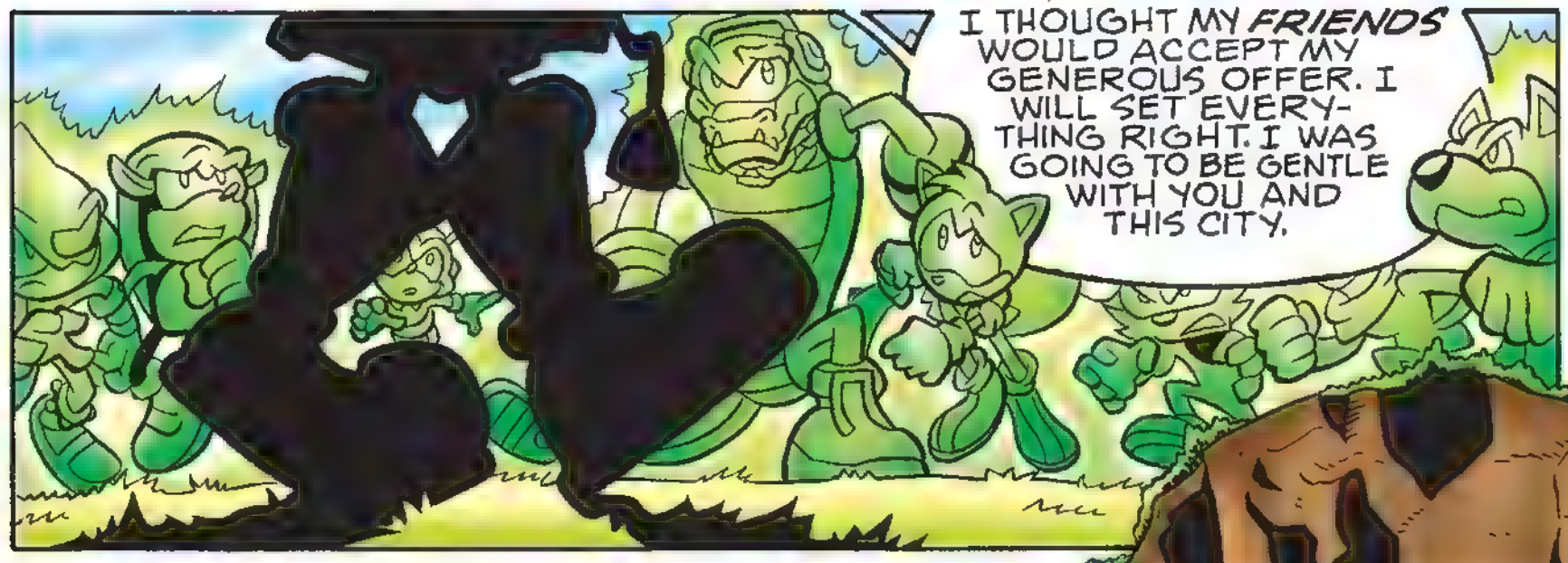

YOU'RE NOT ALONE, SONIC. FREEDOM FIGHTERS! CHAOTIX! CITIZENS OF NEW MOBOTROPOLIS! WE FIGHT FOR OUR CITY AND OUR FREEDOM AS ONE!



ENOUGH!



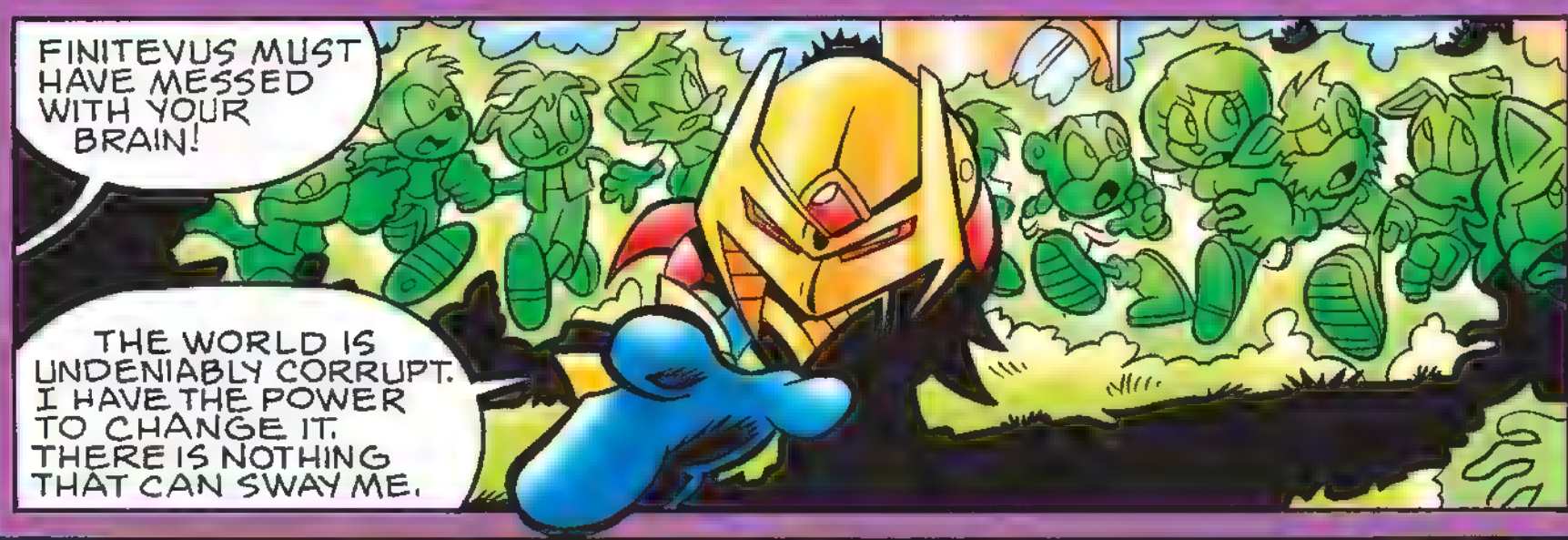

I AM PROFOUNDLY DISAPPOINTED BY ALL OF YOU. YOU'VE KNOWN ME TO BE YOUR FRIEND, AS A HERO, AND YET YOU TURNED ON ME.


I THOUGHT MY *FRIENDS* WOULD ACCEPT MY GENEROUS OFFER. I WILL SET EVERY-THING RIGHT. I WAS GOING TO BE GENTLE WITH YOU AND THIS CITY.

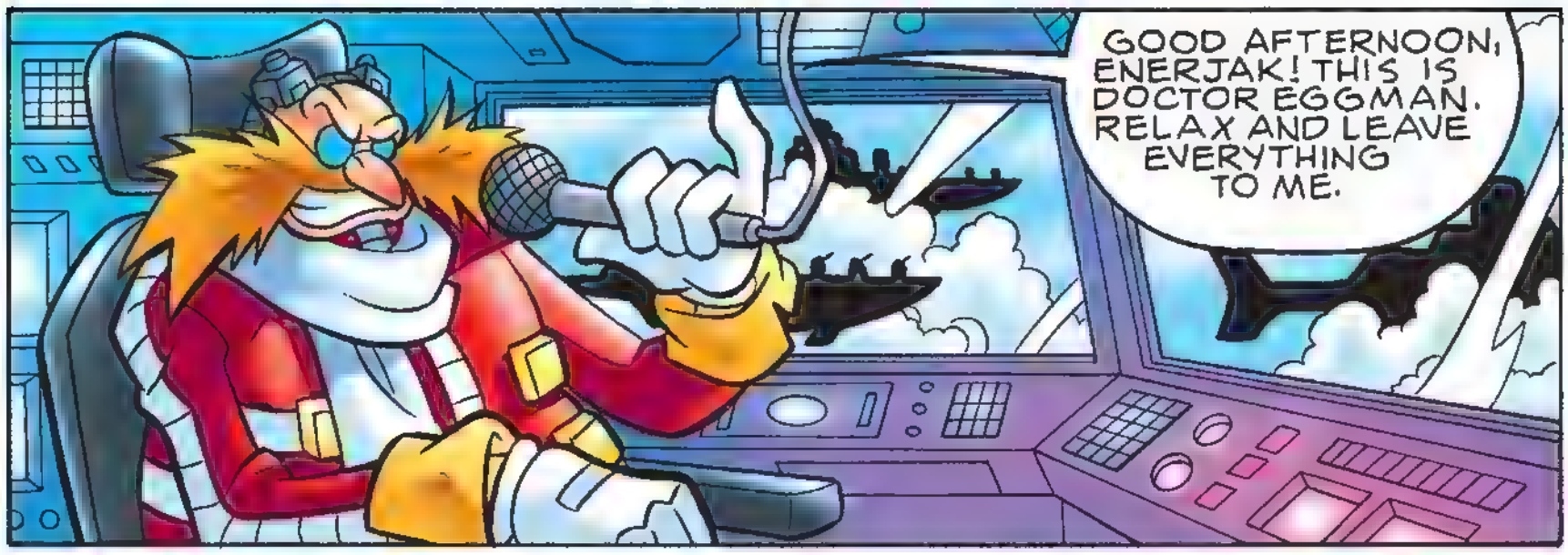
AS MY BENEFACTOR *DR. FINITEVUS* HAS SHOWN ME, THIS WORLD MUST BE PURGED WITH FIRE. I WAS GOING TO SPARE YOU ALL THAT. BUT NOW...

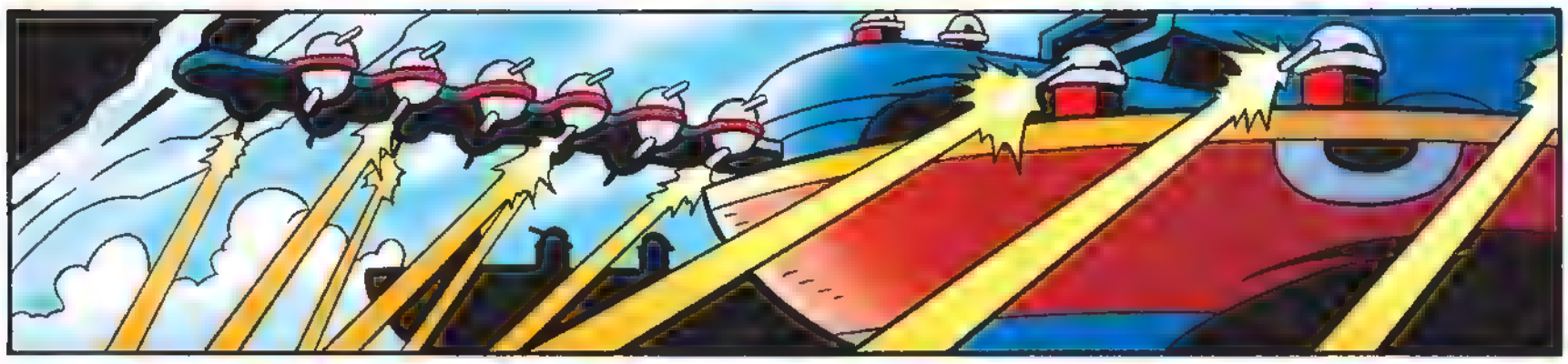
KNUCKLES, LISTEN TO ME! THIS ISN'T LIKE YOU, MAN! YOU ARE NOT LIKE THIS!

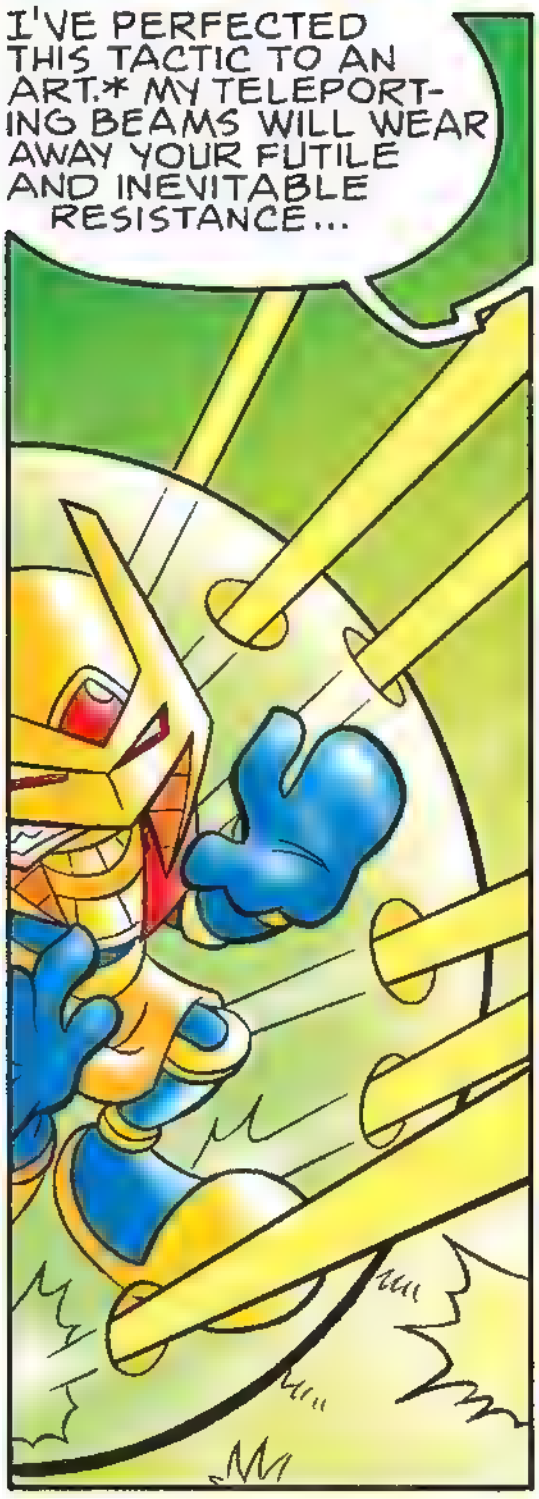
YOU'RE A ROUGH-AND-TUMBLE, PUNCH FIRST, ASK QUESTIONS LATER KIND OF GUY! RESHAPING THE WORLD WITH A BUNCH OF CHAOS-POWER HOCUS-POCUS JUST ISN'T YOU!


FINITEVUS MUST HAVE MESSED WITH YOUR BRAIN!
THE WORLD IS UNDENIABLY CORRUPT. I HAVE THE POWER TO CHANGE IT. THERE IS NOTHING THAT CAN SWAY ME.

I BEG TO DIFFER.







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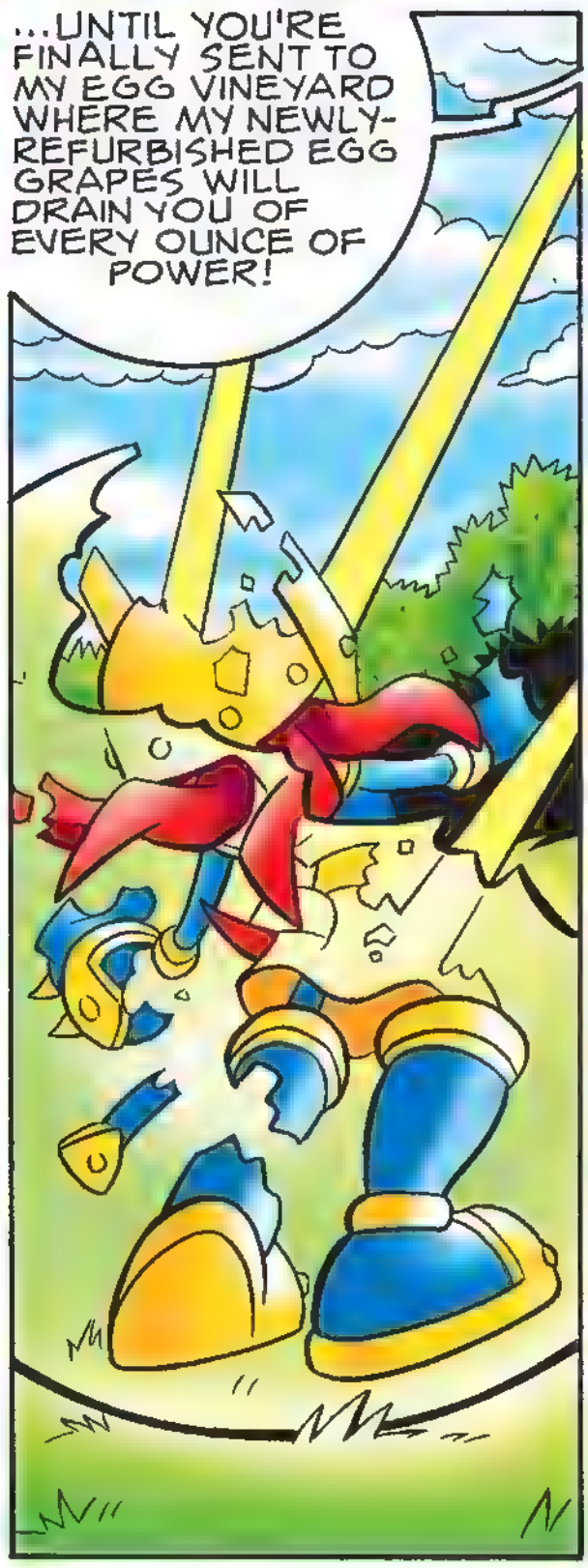
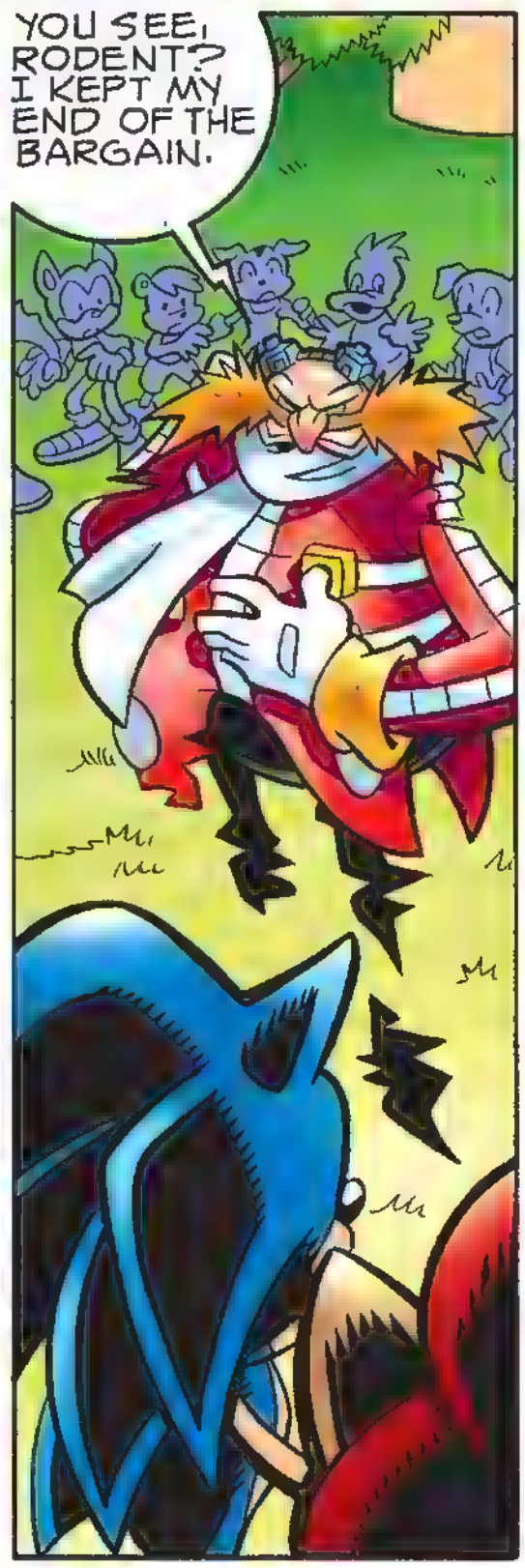
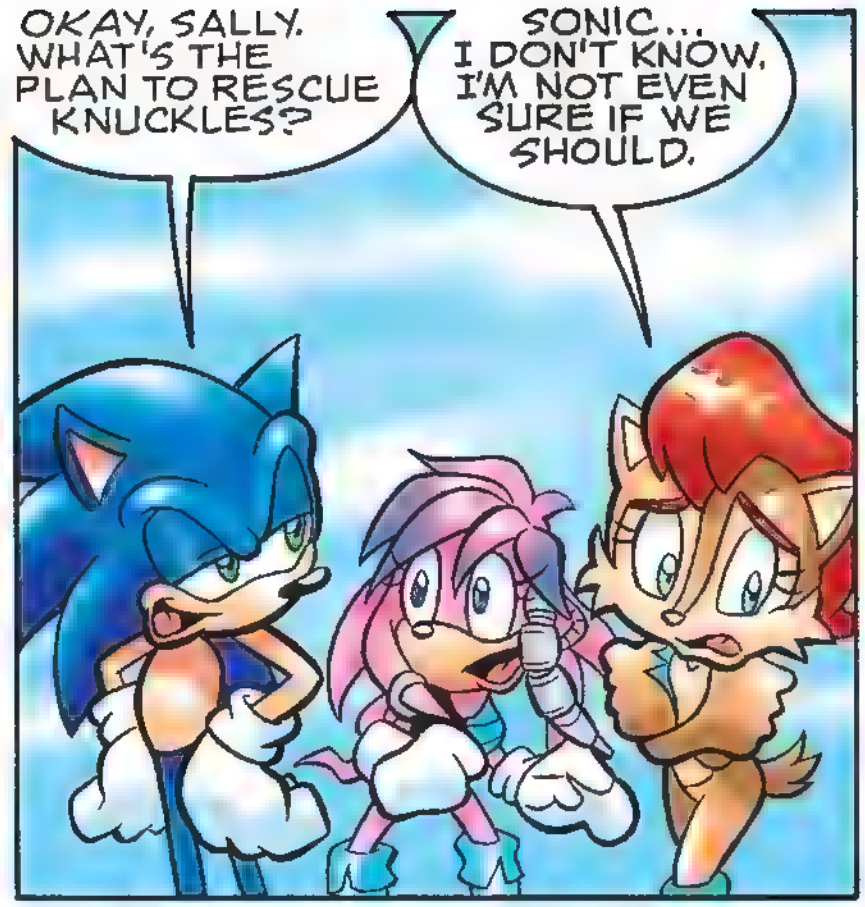




THANK YOU, CITIZENS OF NEW MOBOTROPOLIS! YOUR EFFORTS AS DECOYS MADE MY PLAN SO MUCH EASIER!
KIDNAPPING KNUCKLES WASN'T PART OF THE DEAL!
KNUCKLES, OR ENERJAK, IT'S ALL THE SAME! I RESCUED YOUR CITY FROM OBLIVION. IN RETURN, I GET THE BEST BATTERY A GENIUS COULD HOPE FOR!
NOW HURRY UP AND REBUILD. I WANT THIS PLACE SPIC AND SPAN WHEN I ERASE IT FROM THE MAP! MWA-HA-HA-HA-HA!

HUH. WELL, HE DIDN'T DIRECTLY DOUBLE-CROSS US, I GUESS.

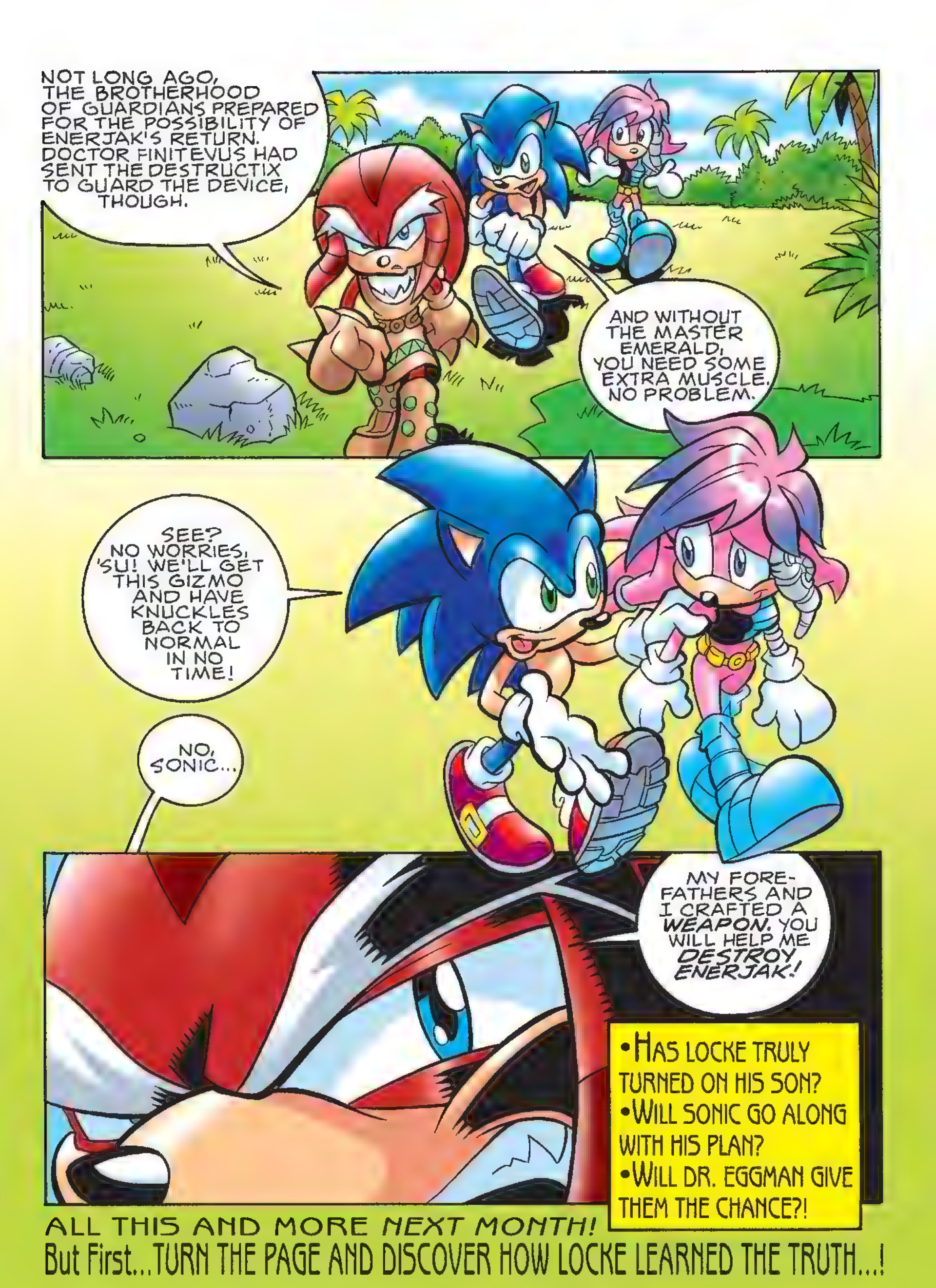

OKAY, SALLY. WHAT'S THE PLAN TO RESCUE KNUCKLES?
SONIC... I DON'T KNOW. I'M NOT EVEN SURE IF WE SHOULD.

CARE TO RUN THAT BY ME AGAIN?
IT SOUNDS TERRIBLE, I KNOW. BUT RESCUING HIM RIGHT NOW MEANS UNLEASHING ENERJAK ON THE WORLD AGAIN.

BUT HE'S NOT ENERJAK!
HE IS, AND HE ISN'T. I KNOW LEAVING HIM CAPTURED ISN'T AN OPTION, BUT...
I THINK...

NOW WHAT?!
FWAK!
AAH!

I'VE HAD ENOUGH SURPRISES AND BEING JERKED AROUND TODAY!
I'M TRULY SORRY, SONIC... BUT WE HAVE VERY LITTLE TIME, AND I NEEDED THE TWO OF YOU.
LOCKE! BOY, AM I GLAD TO SEE YOU! YOU NEED TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT YOUR SON.
I KNOW, SONIC! I KNOW EVERYTHING. DOCTOR FINITEVUS HAS GONE TO GREAT PAINS TO TRANSFORM KNUCKLES. HE HAS EVEN BLOCKED MY ABILITIES TO HARNESS THE MASTER EMERALD.
IF YOU CAN'T USE ITS POWER, THEN...
I CANNOT UNDO FINITEVUS' SPELL. I DOUBT THAT ANYONE CAN ACCESS ITS POWER NOW.
I'D BE WILLING TO GIVE IT A SHOT, BUT I'M NOT THE WIZARDLY SORT. WHAT CAN WE DO?



ALL THIS AND MORE *NEXT MONTH!*

But First...TURN THE PAGE AND DISCOVER HOW LOCKE LEARNED THE TRUTH...!

ALBION'S SHAMEFUL SECRET
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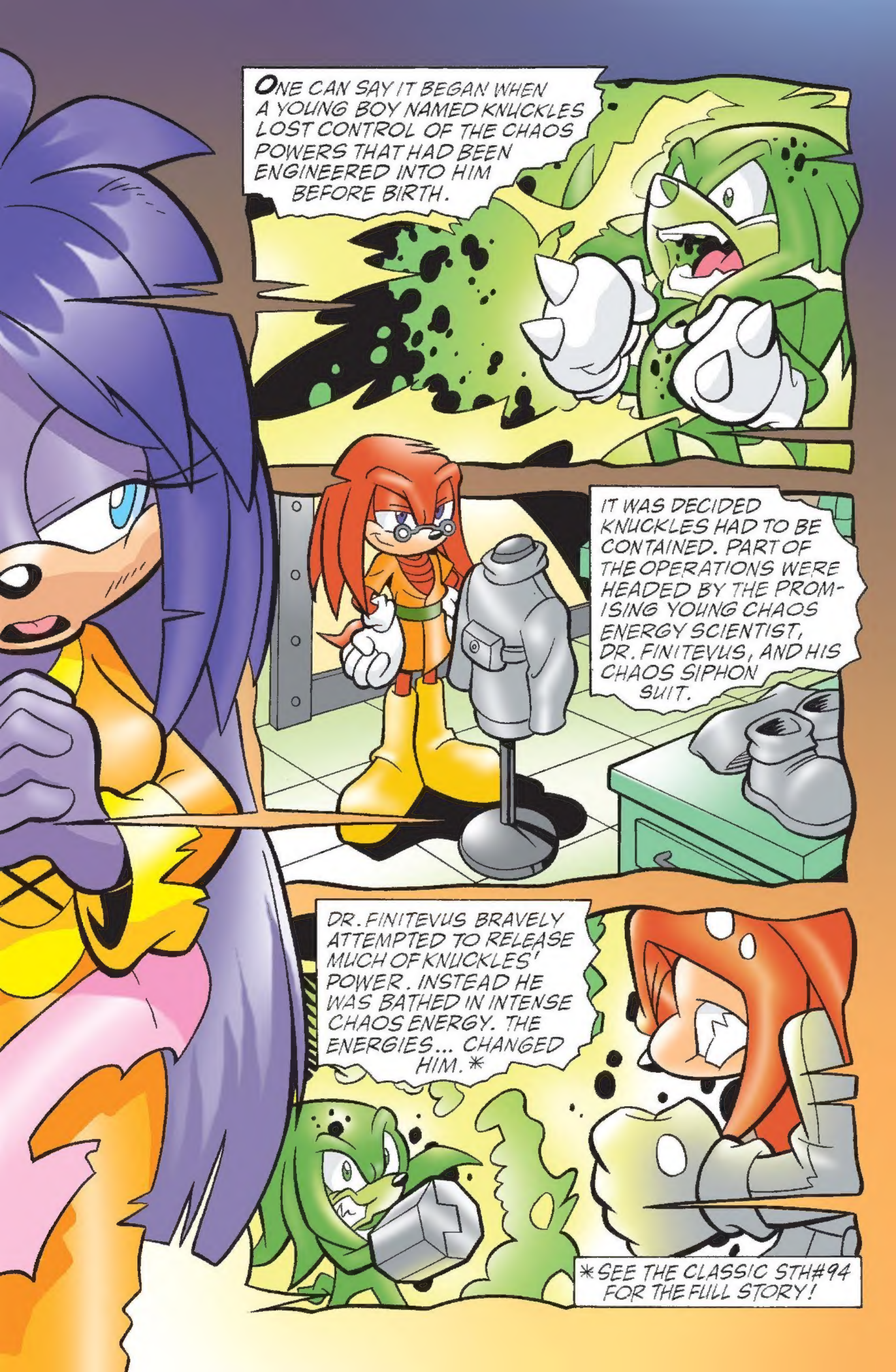
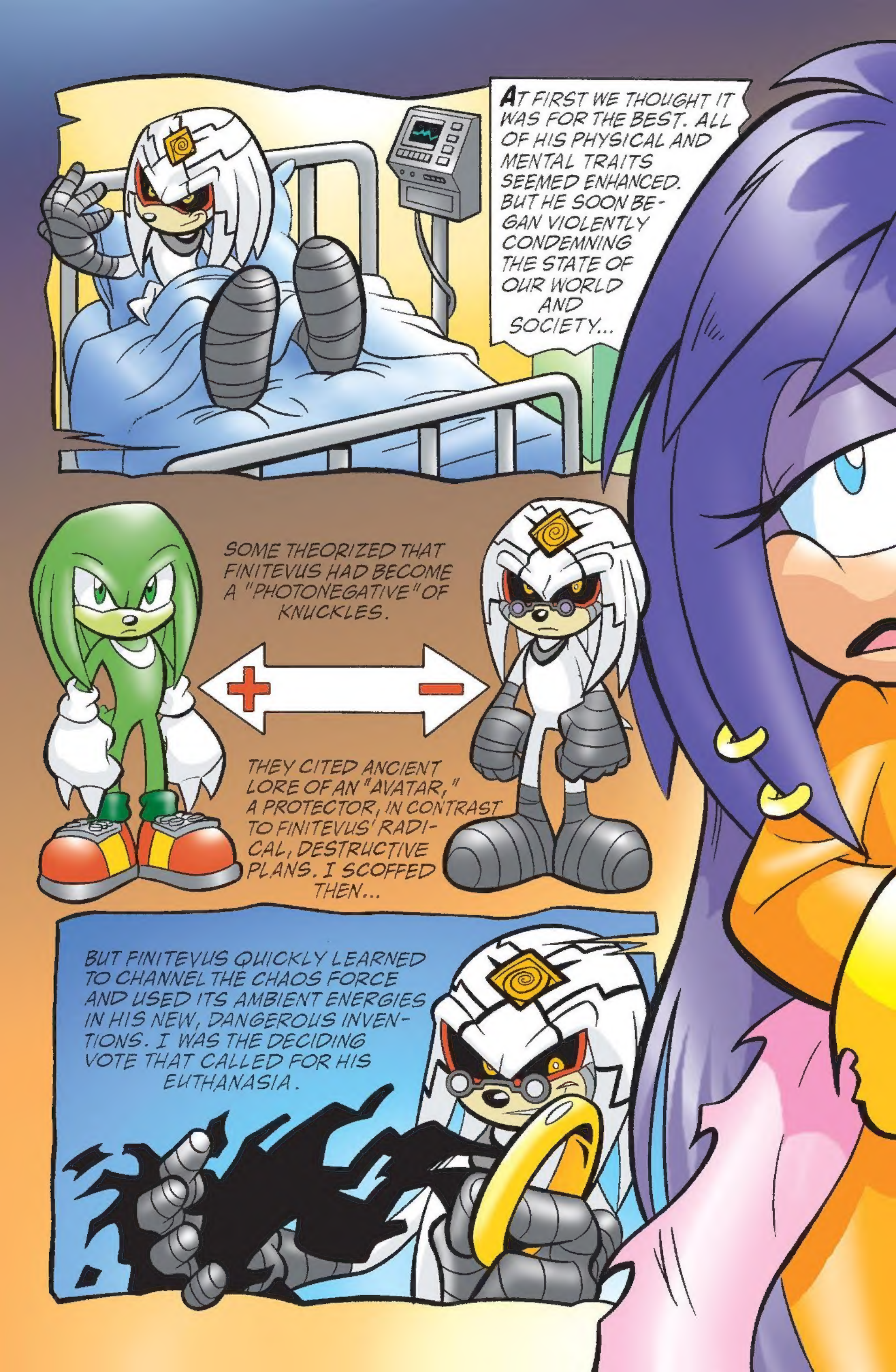
HELLO TO WHOEVER HAS FOUND THIS RECORDING. I BEG YOU TO LISTEN FOR I DO NOT HAVE MUCH TIME.
MY NAME IS GALA-NA, AND I WAS ONCE HEAD OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF ALBION.
I ONCE HELPED MAINTAIN THE FIRST AND GREATEST ECHIDNA SETTLEMENT ON ALL OF MOBIUS. WE WERE THE CRADLE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.
NOW ALL OF THAT IS LOST.


ONE CAN SAY IT BEGAN WHEN A YOUNG BOY NAMED KNUCKLES LOST CONTROL OF THE CHAOS POWERS THAT HAD BEEN ENGINEERED INTO HIM BEFORE BIRTH.
IT WAS DECIDED KNUCKLES HAD TO BE CONTAINED. PART OF THE OPERATIONS WERE HEADED BY THE PROMISING YOUNG CHAOS ENERGY SCIENTIST, DR. FINITEVUS, AND HIS CHAOS SIPHON SUIT.
DR. FINITEVUS BRAVELY ATTEMPTED TO RELEASE MUCH OF KNUCKLES' POWER. INSTEAD HE WAS BATHED IN INTENSE CHAOS ENERGY. THE ENERGIES... CHANGED HIM.*
*SEE THE CLASSIC STH#94 FOR THE FULL STORY!


AT FIRST WE THOUGHT IT WAS FOR THE BEST. ALL OF HIS PHYSICAL AND MENTAL TRAITS SEEMED ENHANCED. BUT HE SOON BEGAN VIOLENTLY CONDEMNING THE STATE OF OUR WORLD AND SOCIETY...
SOME THEORIZED THAT FINITEVUS HAD BECOME A "PHOTONEGATIVE" OF KNUCKLES.
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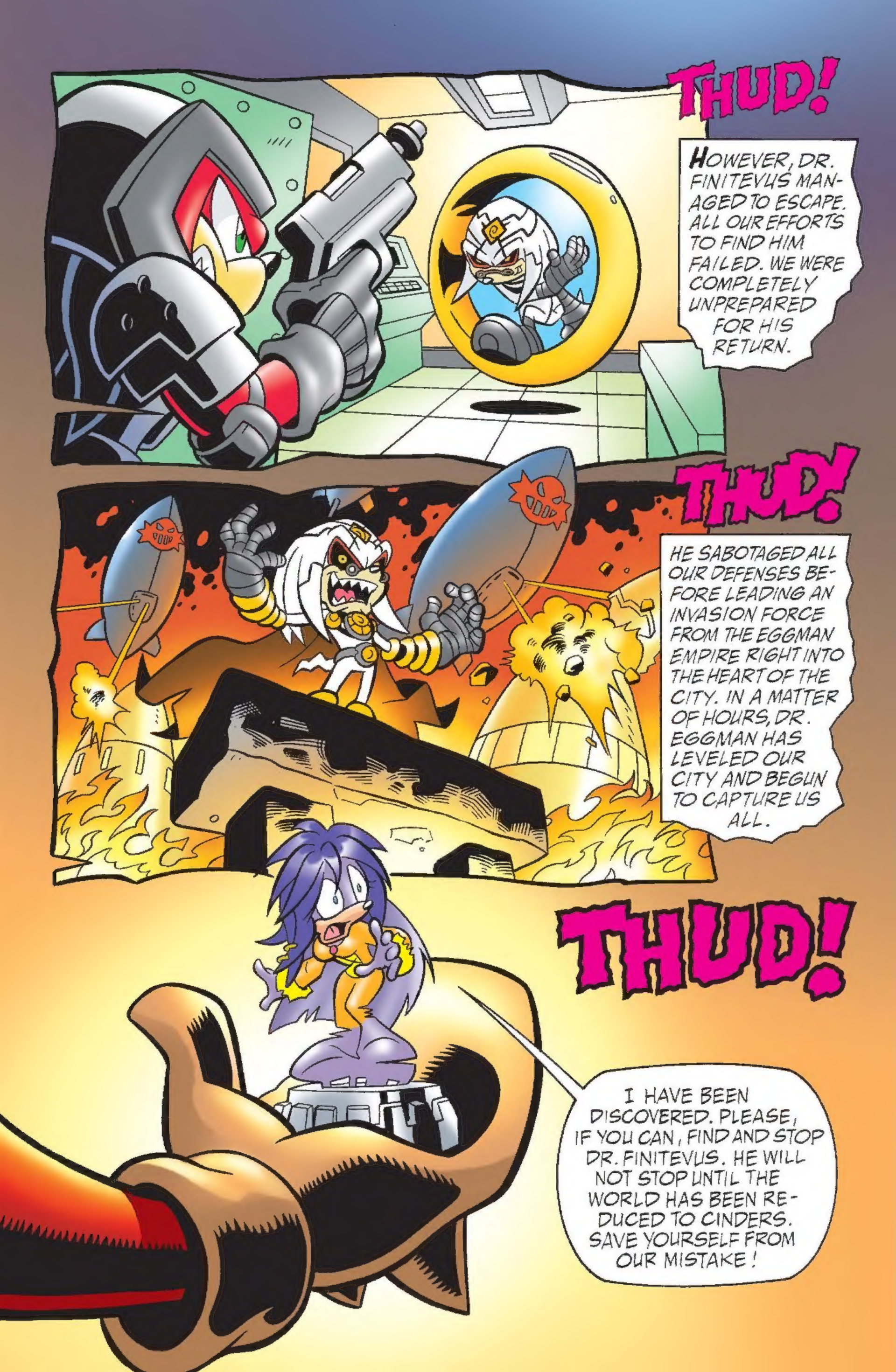
THEY CITED ANCIENT LORE OF AN "AVATAR," A PROTECTOR, IN CONTRAST TO FINITEVUS' RADICAL, DESTRUCTIVE PLANS. I SCOFFED THEN...
BUT FINITEVUS QUICKLY LEARNED TO CHANNEL THE CHAOS FORCE AND USED ITS AMBIENT ENERGIES IN HIS NEW, DANGEROUS INVENTIONS. I WAS THE DECIDING VOTE THAT CALLED FOR HIS EUTHANASIA.


THUD!
HOWEVER, DR. FINITEVUS MANAGED TO ESCAPE. ALL OUR EFFORTS TO FIND HIM FAILED. WE WERE COMPLETELY UNPREPARED FOR HIS RETURN.
THUD!
HE SABOTAGED ALL OUR DEFENSES BEFORE LEADING AN INVASION FORCE FROM THE EGGMAN EMPIRE RIGHT INTO THE HEART OF THE CITY. IN A MATTER OF HOURS, DR. EGGMAN HAS LEVELED OUR CITY AND BEGUN TO CAPTURE US ALL.
THUD!
I HAVE BEEN DISCOVERED. PLEASE, IF YOU CAN, FIND AND STOP DR. FINITEVUS. HE WILL NOT STOP UNTIL THE WORLD HAS BEEN REDUCED TO CINDERS. SAVE YOURSELF FROM OUR MISTAKE!

I'M SORRY.

KZZT

THANK YOU FOR SHOWING ME THIS, REMINGTON.

YOU'RE WELCOME, GUARDIAN. I HOPE IT PROVIDED SOME ANSWERS.

IT DID INDEED.

WILL YOU ALL BE OKAY HERE?

I BELIEVE SO. THE REFUGEES FROM BOTH THE DARK LEGION AND ECHIDNAOPOLIS ARE BEGINNING TO BAND TOGETHER. I THINK WE CAN SCRAPE OUT A LIVING HERE.

YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, REMINGTON. YOU'LL SHOW THEM THE WAY. ALLOW ME TO TAKE CARE OF THE REST.

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